WHEREAS, Older persons in South Dakota constitute a significant part of the population of the State of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Older South Dakotans deserve recognition for their continuing contribution to the quality of life in South Dakota;and,

WHEREAS, Older South Dakotans have always demonstrated their leadership in our churches and communities and society in general has benefitted from their past effort; and,

WHEREAS, The wisdom, energy, knowledge and skill of older Americans should be recognized; and,

WHEREAS, The problems of income, health, housing, transportation, isolation, and employment of elderly South Dakotans are of concern to all South Dakotans; and,

WHEREAS, We are mindful of the needs of older South Dakotans that rightfully require us to assist older citizens to live their lives independently with dignity and respect:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 1978, as

OLDER AMERICAN'S MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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